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Dear Human Services Committee,

As a transition counselor at Regional School District 13, I have had the pleasure of working with many high school students on the autistic spectrum. My focus is to prepare them for the world of work. With me they learn expectations, responsibility, task completions and more. Within our District we are lucky to have and 18-21 year old program where they can go to further enhance these skills. Upon graduation at age 21 however, that changes.

They will need ongoing support, especially with job coaching, to maintain that success. That is why Bill 6860 is so important!

It is imperative that services be created to assist people on the autistic spectrum to be able to earn a living and become tax payers rather than disenfranchised dependent adults. This population is an untapped source of workers who need help getting into the right line of work and guidance as how to maintain productive employment. The burden on families is not only devastating financially. They do not have the resources nor the network to find appropriate employment for these amazing young people.

Please support bill 6860 and help make this happen.

Sincerely,

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